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TITLE: Message Handling Method, Message Handling Apparatus, and Memory Media for Storing a Message Handling Apparatus Controlling Program

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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir,

Prior to an office action on the merits, please amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after title insert:

*A1* This is a divisional patent application of copending application No. 09/090,506 filed 06/04/98

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-6, 8-17, and 19-21 without prejudice.

Remarks